

The Falls Village Congregational Church
October 10, 2021 10 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Prelude *Come, Christians Join to Sing* – arr. M. Hayes

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship – (from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into his gates with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Opening Hymn #6 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You alone truly know us, O Lord. As you forgave the lack of love in your disciples, forgive the lack of love in our lives. Forgive our harsh words or thoughtless deeds. Forgive our blindness to the needs of others. Forgive our presumption that we deserve all that we have. Help us to see your purposes and refashion our lives according to your plans. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading—Psalm 100, p. 752

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also, with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Job 23:1-12

Frank Hadsell

Mark 10:17-31

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “Why Do You Call Me Good?”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn #628 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church.

6 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud your
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres - ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own God's power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod - y bear your part: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Psalm 100

Psalm 100:1, 4
 Larry Sivis

RESPONSE

Sing for joy. Give thanks and bless God's name.

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- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 **Serve the LORD with gladness;
 come into God's presence with singing.**
- 3 Know that the LORD is God.
**It is God who made us, to whom we belong;
 we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. R**
- 4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
 and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.
- 5 For the LORD is good;
**God's steadfast love endures forever,
 God's faithfulness to all generations. R**

Scripture Lessons for October 10, 2021

JOB 23:1-12

Then Job answered: ²“Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. ³Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! ⁴I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. ⁵I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. ⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. ⁷There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸“If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; ⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. ¹⁰But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold. ¹¹My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept his way and have not turned aside. ¹²I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured in my bosom the words of his mouth.

MARK 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 628

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is al - most gone,
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.